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CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L   R E P O R T

OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED

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ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending 31st. December, 1967

To the Chairman and Members of CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I submit hereafter my Annual Report on the Chatteris Urban District.

ESTIMATED POPULATION - mid. 1963 - 5,500  
mid. 1964 - 5,470  
mid. 1965 - 5,490  
mid. 1966 - 5,520  
mid. 1967 - 5,520

LIVE BIRTHS

1961	15.94	per thousand population
1962	14.15	per thousand population
1963 - 84	15.27	per thousand population
1964 - 85	15.54	per thousand population
1965 - 87	15.87	per thousand population
1966 - 61	11.05	per thousand population
1967 - 81	14.70	per thousand population

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS - 8

1963 - 1	1.195	percent of live births
1964 - 7	8.235	percent of live births
1965 - 3	3.45	percent of live births
1966 - 5	8.19	percent of live births
1967 - 8	9.87	percent of live births

STILL BIRTHS - 2

1963 - 2	23.2	per thousand of total births
1964 - 2	22.9	per thousand of total births
1965 - 1	11.4	per thousand of total births
1966 - 0	0.0	per thousand of total births
1967 - 2	24.0	per thousand of total births

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS - 83

INFANT DEATHS - 5

INFANT MORTALITY

1960	2 deaths	24.00	per thousand live births
1961	3 deaths	34.09	per thousand live births
1962	3 deaths	38.50	per thousand live births
1963	2 deaths	23.82	per thousand live births
1964	1 death	11.76	per thousand live births
1965	7 deaths	80.46	per thousand live births
1966	3 deaths	49.18	per thousand live births
1967	5 deaths	61.73	per thousand live births

No deaths of illegitimate infants.

NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under four weeks old) Two

EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under one week old) One.

PRE-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and under one week)  
Two still births.

MATERNAL MORTALITY none known.



## WATER SUPPLY

Wisbech & District Water Board is the Statutory Authority and piped mains supply water from Marham, Norfolk. Frequent bacteriological examinations have been undertaken during 1967 on samples from the Board's sourceworks and the distribution system in this area. The results have been of a very high standard. Many chemical analyses have also been carried out.

All new mains were sterilised, samples taken and bacteriological examinations made before the mains were put into service. No connections were permitted until the water in the mains was of the highest standard of purity.

A sample taken on the 29th December, 1967, from the 18" main at Marham Pumping Station (Marham mixed treated water) on which a fluoride estimation was carried out, had a fluoride content of 0.02 parts per million (as F).

There were no cases of contamination of the water supply in Chatteris Urban District during 1967.

### Bacteriological Samples taken in the Chatteris Urban District:

<u>Total Tests</u> <u>Taken</u>	<u>No. of Tests</u> <u>Negative</u>	<u>No. of Tests</u> <u>Positive</u>	<u>% Negative</u> <u>Tests</u>
104	104	---	100%

Schedule of Work carried out in the Chatteris Urban District between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1967:

### New Mains Laid:

St. Martin's Road, Chatteris	-	153 yards 4" P.V.C. 120 yards 3" P.V.C.
Housing Site, Wood Street, Chatteris	-	86 yards 3" P.V.C.

Additional Domestic Properties Supplied: 49

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

Direct labour is used to operate a weekly collection in the town and fortnightly in the outlying fens.

## RIVERS, STREAMS AND WATERCOURSES

There are no natural rivers and streams, the town being built on a layer of Kimmeridge clay thrown up and forming high land running north to south and rainfall gravitated off the east and west slopes to artificial dykes and to the main drains constructed some three hundred years ago when the fens were reclaimed.

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

This is on the water carriage system in the Urban District

## SCHOOLS

All are supplied with piped water and generally satisfactory sanitary conditions.





## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Both Acre Fen and Nightlayer Works are working satisfactorily and the effluent standard is to the satisfaction of the Great Ouse River Authority.

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

This is conducted in the purpose-built Health Centre by two General Practitioners, assisted by a Nurse Dispenser. Hospital treatment is obtained at Doddington only 4 miles away and occasionally at Wisbech or Addenbrooks, Cambridge. There is very close co-operation between the various hospitals, the Health Department Services, the Family Doctors and the Nurses. The liason between the various departments is excellent and cannot be bettered, enabling continuing treatment after discharge from hospital.

## NURSING SERVICE AND HEALTH VISITORS SERVICE

Two resident Nurses living in modern quarters with adjoining surgery provide an adequate and efficient nursing service and health visiting service.

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The Mental Health Service is good. There is an office at March 8 miles away adequately staffed. An officer has been especially appointed for the Chatteris area. A weekly outpatients clinic is held in the County Hall March, attended by a Consultant Psychiatrist. The liason between the Mental Health Service and the Family Doctors is excellent.

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service with Headquarters at March 8 miles away is a full 24 hour service. It is efficient, reliable and often unbelievably quick. The hospital car service is managed from the same office and this likewise is efficient.

## NOTIFICATION OF CONGENITAL BIRTH DEFECTS

All congenital birth defects are notified to the Medical Officer of Health by the family doctor or the midwife.

## FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

I am very pleased to report that the local Council has passed in principle the fluoridation of the public water supply. Unfortunately the main supply to Chatteris passes through towns where fluoridation is still frowned upon by the older generation of prejudiced Councillors clinging to unenlightened archaic ideas.

## INFANT WELFARE SERVICES

The infant welfare clinic is held weekly attended by the two District Nurses and ably assisted by various helpers. On alternate weeks a Family Doctor attends. All necessary inoculations can be obtained there and furthermore defaulters can soon be discovered and sought after. Young mothers enjoy and look forward to this service because they can meet, talk, compare notes and obtain professional advice.





## YOUNG CHILDREN'S SAFETY

I regret to bring to your notice a potentially dangerous situation existing at the discharging and collecting area of the Burnsfield School. Four times a day children are either brought to or collected from the school in an area of roadway totally inadequate for this rapidly increasing motor age. Burnsfield School itself is increasing in size. During inclement weather and within the space of five minutes there is a sudden influx of all types of petrol power fast and slow, edging, backing, twisting and manouvering, trying to collect children running in all directions. One day there will be a terrible tragedy. The simple solution would be to incorporate some of the green of Burnsfield Estate into the roadway or better still provide a completely different access possibly from the back through the old disused railway.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

*A. S. Watson*

Medical Officer of Health



DEATHS the main causes of death were:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	4	3	7
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2	5	7
Coronary Disease, Angina	14	4	18
Hypertension with Heart Disease	0	3	3
Other Heart Disease	1	5	6
Other circulatory disease	0	1	1
Pneumonia	4	1	5
Bronchitis	1	0	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	0	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	2	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0	1
All other Accidents	0	2	2
Homicide and Operations of War	1	0	1
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	32	30	62
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Death rate per thousand population = 11.2



## SUMMARY OF FOOD INSPECTIONS

1967

### 1. Number of Food Premises

Cafes	1	Fishmongers	4
Hotels	3	Grocers	17
Milk Retailers	2	Butchers	7
Bakers	3	Greengrocers	6

### 2. Number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drug Act, 1955 and the number of Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949/54.

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Ice Cream Retailers	17
Sausage Producers	5
Number of Dairies	3

### 3. Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned food is disposed of by burning except for large articles and tinned foods which are normally buried surrounded with quick-lime.

### 4. Food Condemned

Two 14 lb. tins Pressed Ham  
Two 6 lb. tins Corned Beef





MEAT INSPECTION 1967

	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep	Weight of Meat <u>Condemned</u>
January	16	34	31	27 lbs.
February	13	24	21	4 lbs.
March	19	22	37	6 lbs.
April	19	18	14	34 lbs.
May	12	16	27	32 lbs.
June	17	17	0	30 lbs.
July	17	4	0	68 lbs.
August } September }	31	0	94	61 lbs.
October	15	0	53	77 lbs.
November	19	0	38	69 lbs.
December	9	14	17	17 lbs.
	<u>187</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>332</u>	



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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967  
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF CHATTERIS  
IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
FACTORIES ACT, 1937 - 1939

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to Health  
(including inspections made by Public  
Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	7	-	-
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	35	-	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	20	42	-	-

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H. M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors	-	-	-	-	-



2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (continued)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H. M. Inspector	by H. M. Inspector	
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other defects against the Act (not including offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUT-WORK

(sections 110 and 111)

Nil Return

Signature

*H.S. Lethin*

Medical Officer  
of Health

